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Dear Interested Citizen:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to provide any input you may have on the proposed reissuance of a new Special Use Authorization (permit) to Salt Creek Resort LLC, located at 19194 lower Salt Creek Road, Lakehead, California.

The current authorization has expired. The new 20-year special use permit is for continued operation of the existing facilities with the expiration date set for December 31, 2036. There are no changes to the scope or intensity of currently authorized activities. The proposed action is an administrative change that does not involve any modification of facilities or infrastructure.

Salt Creek Resort encompasses both public and private land, with approximately 1.35 acres on National Forest System (NFS) lands. Facilities authorized by the permit consist of:

1. Existing entrance road from Lower Salt Creek Road.
2. Two duplex cabins (Cabins # 16/17 and 18/19).
3. Parking for the cabins.
4. Quarter sections of two RV sites (RV Sites 3 and 4).
5. In-ground swimming pool and fenced pool area (3/4 of facility on NFS lands).
6. Portion of the main lodge.
7. Existing utilities for power and phone to serve the cabins, pool, and lodge.
8. Existing underground utilities for septic and water to serve the cabins.
9. Access to existing water system.

The permit contains standard clauses requiring resource protection (topics covered: compliance with environmental laws; water pollution; esthetics; pesticides; archaeological/paleontological discoveries; protection of habitat of threatened, endangered, and sensitive species; hazardous materials; cleanup and remediation).

The permit does not authorize new ground disturbance, cutting of timber or other vegetation, or pesticide use without approval from the Forest Service. Further environmental analysis will be performed prior to the authorizing officer making a decision whether or not to approve any of these activities.



The permit also requires completion of an annual operation and maintenance plan which is approved by the Forest and made part of the permit. The annual operation and maintenance plan covers all operations and details the permit holder's activities to protect public health and safety, and the environment. The permit area will be monitored by a Forest Service Permit Administrator for compliance with the annual operation and maintenance plan and the permit terms.

We are preparing to conduct National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. I believe that the proposed action is consistent with the Categorical Exclusion (CE) provided under FSH 1909.15, Section 32.2(15) "Issuance of a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are no changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope of intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization" (36 CFR 220.6(e)(15)).

Decision to be Made

Upon completion of the environmental analysis, the Forest Supervisor will decide whether or not to issue a Special Use Authorization to Salt Creek Resort LLC for a new 20-year term.

How You Can Participate

If you have information you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, concerns or questions, I strongly encourage you to let us know. To be most helpful, your comments should be as site specific as possible, and relate only to the proposal. Your input will be considered in the analysis, and may be used to refine the proposed action, identify best management practices, or evaluate the environmental consequences of implementation.

In order for us to have adequate time to review your comments, I need to receive them by January 10, 2018 so that we can incorporate the information into the environmental analysis. Please submit your comments in writing as this helps us document them.

Mail written comments to Shasta Lake Ranger Station, 14225 Holiday Road, Redding, CA 96003. Electronic comments can be sent via e-mail to: pkelly@fs.fed.us. Please include in the subject line "Reauthorization, Salt Creek Resort LLC ". For further information on this project, please contact Special Uses Permit Administrator Paulette Kelly at (530) 242-5531.

I appreciate your interest in the management of our public lands and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger